

FAQ FRIDAY #14





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ATTENTION: This is the last FAQ Friday. If you have any other questions please wait to ask them at registration. See you soon!

Q: Is the [Baudrier Ghost Beal](#) harness acceptable for the expedition?

A: YES.

Q: Is this [pulley/carabiner](#) acceptable for the zipline? It's a locking carabiner but has a pulley built in on one side of it.

A: NO.

Q: Are we allowed to use pulleys for the zipline or fixed rope traversing so that there is less friction (of course UIAA certified ones)? Here is an [example](#).

A: NO.

Q: If we know we will be on a long mountain bike leg can we leave our 30ltr backpacks with TAC and carry our gear in bike bags attached to the bike?

A: Backpacks are not part of your Mandatory Gear. It is up to you how you want to carry gear on your mountain bikes. Keep in mind that the Mountain Bike Gear Pick Up areas will not necessarily be at the Camps where your gear boxes and TAC will be.

Q: Apart from the gear boxes and the 90ltr waterproof duffle bag to be left at an unknown location; can we bring additional waterproof duffle bags to leave in our 4x4 with our TAC?

A: YES.

Q: Are dive knives accepted to attach to PFD's for river rafting?

A: YES. Please remember that knives must have a sheathed blade and cannot be folding. They must be fastened to the PFD in a fashion that makes them quickly available.

Q: Can we use a rope or strap to secure our dry packs on to our raft?

A: YES. This is strongly recommended.

Q: Does a circular bike reflector with the minimum 5.9" surface work for the expedition?

A: YES.

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Q: Can you give some indication as to how much shall we bring for during the race? In terms of Fijian dollar?

A: We would suggest approximately \$200 Fijian each. Do not bring US currency.

Q: Is the [Patagonia Capilene Air](#) acceptable for the fleece layer?

A: NO. It must be fleece or wool. Not a blend.

Q: Can we bring the bike trailer seen in this picture to attach to back of one of the bikes?



A: We don't have a rule against using trailers. A couple things to consider. It would have to fit into your Bike box along with your Mountain Bike and your Personal and Team Mandatory Bike Gear, otherwise it would not be at the Mountain Bike Gear Pick-up areas where you would need it. Also, you would have to ensure that the reflective tape on your rear stays, reflector and Flashing Red Light would be visible.

Q: Can we place our water bottles on our bikes in bottle cages like the below?

A: YES.

Q: We understand insurance is provided by Eco Challenge while teams are racing; is there any other medical insurance while we are in Fiji we should have arranged?

A: It is up to you and your discretion if you'd like to do this. We cannot advise you on this.



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Q: Are the Fiji Gas options to buy only or we can rent?

A: You will be able to buy Fiji Gas products at registration.

Q: When will we get our last stipend payment?

A: The last team stipend will be released at the start of Competitor Registration on September 6th. If you have been receiving your stipend via wire, it will transfer to your account after that date. We cannot guarantee the date it will be in your account. If you have been receiving a check you will receive your last check at registration on September 6th.

Q: I have the [NRS cVEST](#) PFD, which qualifies with 16.5 lbs. of buoyancy, but it has some mesh backing. Is this PFD acceptable for the expedition?

A: NO. Mesh backed PFD's will not be accepted. Please choose a whitewater specific model.

Q: Are you providing the team number stickers for us to place on our gear boxes and bike bags? Or do we need to provide those?

A: For the bike boxes; Teams MUST arrive with their bike boxes clearly labeled with their team numbers on 5 sides of the bike boxes (top, and all 4 sides). These labels MUST be durable enough to survive transportation throughout the race. If your labels come off, your bike may not be delivered to the next bike section.

We will have other labels with your team numbers for gear/duffel bags. But you should also label them yourself to be safe.

Q: Can a team invite or pay a local person to help them paddle the Camakau, whitewater raft or outrigger?

A: NO. Only registered Competitors are allowed in any watercraft used during Eco-Challenge unless otherwise directed by the Expedition Guidebook.

Q: Is the following [fingertip heart rate monitor](#) allowed?

A: NO. The following items have been added to the Prohibited Equipment List:

- *Electronic devices including, but not limited to, MP3 players and digital cameras*